(b) the reasons for not removing the entire encroachments upto electric transformer;

(c) whether the said land has been encroached again and if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(d) the action taken for road widening since the said land is earmarked for road widening?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT " (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir. Twenty one (21) shops of single storey were fully demolished and six (6) buildings with more than two or three storey were partially demolished by Revenue Department of the Govt. of NCT, Delhi (GNCTD).

(b) GNCTD has reported that JCB machines were used to remove the built up structures. Six structures were with more than two or three storeys, which could not be demolished using JCB Machines. Therefore, these structures were partially demolished.

(c) Yes, action as per law has been initiated against those who encroached the land.

(d) Land has been taken over by DDA for widening the road.

Encroachments on Governments land

574. SHRI K. CHANDRAN **PILLAI:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large scale encroachments on Government land in cities are taking place;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the land so far encroached;

(c) whether it is a fact that places of worship of different religions are found to be built on public land; and

(d) if so. the steps taken/proposed to be taken to restore the encroached public land and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) 'Land' is a subject under the State List and, therefore, the responsibility for protection of the Government land rests with the respective State Governments. So far as Central Government land is concerned, instances of encroachments including in the form of places of worships have come to the notice of the Government. The agencies having the administrative control/ ownership of the relevant land take appropriate measures to restore the public land in accordance with law, *viz.,* complaint with the local Police, action under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971, relocation/ resettlement of eligible squatters, demolition of unauthorized structures etc.